

**Private Construction Contractors Association of Slovakia**

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### **0 Internal Affairs**

The foundation work was done to establish the PCCAS Revolving Fund. The first goal of the fund will be the leasing of the first PCCAS car. The next goal will be the next PCCAS Office computer and the photocopy machine.

The PCCAS Office computer (with microprocessor 486 Intel and 250 MB HDD) was upgraded to PENTIUM PC with 850 MB HDD mainly for money-making activities. The computer's first job was handling the construction bidding cost for the remodeling of the railway station, KÚTY.

### **1 Membership Activities**

During the week of Monday-Friday, April 10-15, 1996, discussion among PCCAS President, Executive Director, and Deputy Director with General Directors of DOPRASTAV (Mr. Šesták) and SIBA-MAC (Mr. Závodský) (two of the biggest construction contractors; each has more than 2,000 employees) on the Slovak construction market was held. The result of the discussion was the signature on the PCCAS membership application form!

On Wednesday, April 24, 1996, the PCCAS Executive Director visited the PCCAS Regional Office in Ľilina. The goal was to participate in the meeting with five new PCCAS members from this region. The exact contacts will be printed in the May Monthly Report for PADCO.

### **2 Staff Support for PCCAS Entrepreneurs**

On Tuesday, April 2, 1996, the PCCAS staff participated in the working lunch with Mr. Alastair LAW, the vice-president of ANADAC, from the U.S. The PCCAS staff and Mr. LAW made the decision about the working cooperation in organizing the conference of the CEFTA countries and U.S. The topic of the first international conference will be the investment process in CEFTA and in the U.S. The second topic of the international conference will be the safety and health in the construction industry in the CEFTA countries and in the U.S. and its legislative background, practice, and statistics.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1996, work on the construction bidding costs for the remodeling work for the railway station building at KÚTY for PCCAS member STAVOIMPEX Holí\_ was begun.

A PCCAS staff member (Mr. Alexander BENEDEK) met the PCCAS official of the Embassy of Spain. The general topic was the Slovak construction capacity export and the discussion was focused on the labor license for Slovak workers in Spain. Some brief information was collected (period, responsible persons the formal approach).

On Saturday and Monday, April 14 and 15, 1996, the PCCAS staff worked on the IDF grant translation from the World Bank for Mr. Vladimír SVR\_EK about the Standard Bidding Document for public procurement and for revision of the law, its implementation and organizing of the several training courses.

The PCCAS staff (the Executive Director) was selected as a member of the Evaluation Committee of Public Procurement Tender for the renovation of the Justice Yard of Bratislava Department 5. The PCCAS staff was selected as a member of the State Group of the Public Procurement Tender Expert.

From Wednesday to Monday, April 10-15, 1996, the construction bidding cost for tender of the Railway Station Kúty was realized. On Tuesday, April 16, 1996, the document was given to the construction company, FORMAT s.r.o. (Ltd.) to Mr. FORGÁ\_. The quality of the work was highly ranked by PCCAS President HE\_KO and STAVOIMPEX owner Mr. SKÀLA judged the PCCAS job as high quality.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1996, the PCCAS staff visited KNO/PIET. The topic of the discussion was the individual training programs for Slovak entrepreneurs in the U.S. for the year 1997 and the general condition. The PCCAS representatives obtained the set of the application form.

### **3Legislative Activities**

On Thursday, April 11, 1996, the PCCAS Office nominated Mr. Jaromír HOL\_ÁK (a.s. DOPRASTAV, Drieðová 27, 826 56 Bratislava, Tel.: + 0042 7 234325, Fax.: + 0042 7 234095) as a member of the legislative committee for the estimation, investigation, and evaluation of the construction costs as a regulation for the Concession Act. This committee was established under guidance of the Ministry of Construction and Public Works.

On Tuesday, April 30, 1996, the PCCAS Executive Director and Deputy Director participated in the general meeting with the Ministry of Construction and Public Works. The goal was the comment of the State Construction Technical Policy and Interest in Technical and Technological Development up to the year 2000.

On Friday, April 26, 1996, the Permanent Council of FEUA, with participation of PCCAS staff, discussed comments about the proposals of the new State Fund for Export Supporting Act. Officials from the Ministry of Economy oriented this Act to the financial

model up to 140 million Slovak crowns, which will be founded by Slovak entrepreneurs, and discussed that distribution of the monies from this source will be the decision of Ministry officials. This idea is not acceptable to all FEUA members, including the PCCAS!

#### **4Cooperation with Associations and Groups**

On Wednesday, April 3, 1996, the PCCAS President and PCCAS staff participated on the Small Three-Party (professional) meeting in the Ministry of the Construction and Public Works. In this meeting, after very complicated negotiations, the Small Three-Party Agreement was signed. The Charter and the Regulations were accepted.

On Friday, April 12, 1996, the Permanent Council of FEUA, in which PCCAS staff also participate, continued the discussion about the membership fee for FEUA for the year 1996. The last decision will be done at Annual FEUA meeting in Central Slovakia next week. Alternative criteria for membership fee were established. Fees for PCCAS membership at the level 100,000 Sk (US\$3,300) were established.

On Thursday, April 4, 1996, the PCCAS President, Executive Director, and Deputy Director met Mr. Nikolas BAKAY, the Director of Public Procurement in the Ministry of CPW, and Mrs. Dagmar BELÁKOVÁ, the Press Secretary at the Ministry. The topic of the discussion was the public procurement practice and legislative activities. In this meeting, the staff of TV channel VTV (journalist Mrs. LESAYOVÁ) also participated. Public procurement practices in Slovakia were discussed.

#### **5International Activities**

On Thursday, April 4, 1996, the PCCAS Executive Director participated in the monthly meeting of the business friends of British Embassy. He met the Business Attache, Mr. Peter REPKA. The discussion was focused on the practical cooperation with Business Department of British Embassy and the PCCAS and the construction and statistics services for the Embassy.

On Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, 1996, 15 pages of the PCCAS Monthly Report for March 1996 for PADCO, Inc. were finished and they were sent to S.W.A. for correction. The copy was given to Mr. George WILLIAMS in the USAID Office in Bratislava.

The PCCAS staff (Mr. Alexander BENEDEK) met Mr. Peter REPKA, the economy attache of the Embassy of United Kingdom and North Ireland in Slovakia (Bratislava). The topic was the renovation of the new British Embassy building on Pánská street, the residence of the British Ambassador. Mr. BENEDEK asked Mr. REPKA for the British construction journal, Tunnels and Tunneling, from G.B. One of the final results of the meeting was the invitation for Mr. BENEDEK and the PCCAS Executive Director to meet during a working lunch next week.

On Friday, April 12, 1996, was organized the working lunch in which the Minister of Public Procurement from Poland with the Poland government officials, PCCAS (President and Executive Director), ACES (General Director and Deputy Director for Foreign Affairs), and government officials participated. The main topic was the public procurement practice in Poland and in Slovakia and the experience with World Bank help and services in the creation and implementation of the law.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1996, the PCCAS Monthly Report for February 1996 for PADCO, Inc. Was completed and it was sent to S.W.A. by fax. The copy will be sent to Mr. WILLIAMS at USAID Office in Bratislava.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1996, the PCCAS Executive Director and Deputy Director visited Mr. George WILLIAMS in his USAID Office in Bratislava. The main goal was to inform him about PCCAS money-making activities, PCCAS educational programs, the PCCAS Study Tour in U.S., etc. Mr. WILLIAMS informed the PCCAS staff about the guide for workbook for the workshop organization, which was prepared by the Eastern Europe Real Property Foundation for Slovak ARKS.

## **6Public Relations and Marketing**

On Monday, April 15, 1996, the PCCAS Office was visited by the general press manager of SLOVENSKO a REALITY, Mr. Kalina. The topic of the discussion was the bidding process of the journal to express the PCCAS members in the journal. The journal is oriented for the real estate industry in Slovakia. The PCCAS Executive Director decided to publish the PCCAS member profile in this magazine monthly.

The PCCAS President was interviewed by TV channel VTV about the public procurement tender practice for Slovak construction contractors.

In the Slovak National Council Journal, "Media Courier," was published the long dialogue with PCCAS President Mr. HE\_KO. In this article, the PCCAS President criticized all Slovak government by their non-investment state policy. The quality of the PCCAS President profile in this journal was the highest in all PCCAS history. A copy is included with this report.

## **7Money-Making Activities**

On Monday and Tuesday, April 1 and 2, 1996, the PCCAS Regional Office in Prievidza organized the Seminar for the State Examination of Selected Construction Activity Responsibility for a group of construction engineers from employees of ENO Nováky and several individuals. It was the third run of this type of the seminar in this very active Regional Chapter. It was organized under guidance of the PCCAS Executive Director Regional Deputy Director Mrs. Adriana MIKULOVÁ.

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 23 and 24, 1996, the PCCAS Office organized the Seminar for the State Examination of Selected Construction Activity Responsibility for the large Slovak construction stock company, HYDROSTAV a.s. Bratislava. It was the third run of the seminar for this construction/contractor company and it is a great PCCAS success.

## **8Regional Offices Activities**

Several activities were done in \_ilina and in Prievidza mainly in public procurement tenders, new joint members, and in seminar organization.

## **9Technical Assistance Program**

No specific tasks were accomplished.

## **10Housing Information**

No specific tasks were accomplished.

## **11Housing Policy Program**

The PCCAS staff started to prepare the specific strategy on this field mainly by the State Housing Development Fund Act acceptance by the Slovak National Council. The PCCAS Regional Offices were also introduced to this program.

## **12Housing Advocacy Program**

No specific tasks were accomplished.

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